



DAVID PURNELL

Second Degree Murder

Jury Finds Purnell Guilty!

BULLETIN

A Berrien county circuit court jury returned a verdict of guilty to second degree murder in the trial of David Jordan Purnell at 11 o'clock this morning. The maximum penalty can be up to life imprisonment.

The 25-year-old Stevensville man was accused of killing Miss Janet Uland, 20, of St. Joseph on the night of June 14, 1971.

BY ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

The jury in the murder trial of David Jordan Purnell resumed deliberation at 9 a.m. today, following 2½ hours of deliberation late Monday in Berrien Circuit court.

Composed of six men and six women, the jury began its deliberation at 4:30 p.m. Monday, following closing arguments

of Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor and Defense Counsel S. Jack Keller of St. Joseph and final instructions from Judge White.

The jury, which has been sequestered by Judge White until a verdict is reached, deliberated until 9 p.m., with an hour and a half off for supper.

At that time deliberation ended for the day on orders of Judge White and the jury was sent to a local hotel for the night.

Most of the jury members are from the southern part of Berrien county and Judge White said he probably would have let the jury work until 11 p.m. if not for the heavy snow storm which hit the area.

The jury was instructed by Judge White that it could reach four possible verdicts, either guilty of murder in the first or second degrees, guilty of manslaughter, or not guilty by reason of insanity.

The trial which started on Oct. 24 has had 11 days of testimony and one for closing arguments. A total of 17 prosecution witnesses testified on behalf of the people and 15, including the defendant himself, on behalf of the defense.

In closing arguments yesterday, both Prosecutor Taylor and Defense Counsel Keller, reviewed their cases highlighting what they believed were significant points of the 11 days of testimony.

Prosecutor Taylor told the jury, "We don't know all the things that happened that night (the night Janet Uland, 20, of St. Joseph township, was killed), but we know for a fact she was killed by the defendant."

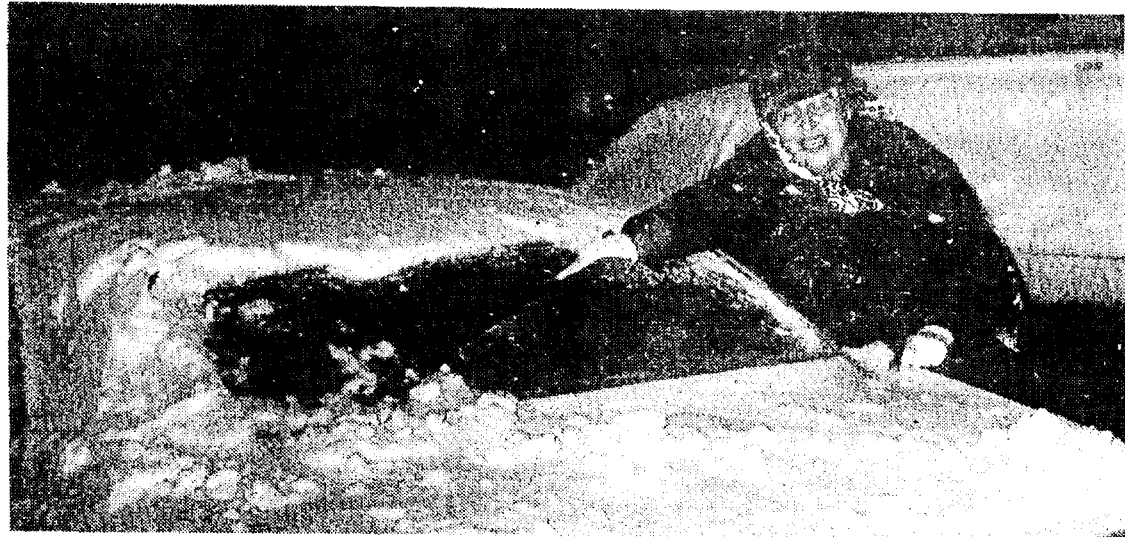
He attacked the defendant's credibility saying Purnell

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JANET ULAND

Winter's First Grip Snarls Area Traffic



CHILLING CHORE: Mrs. Mattye Rashleigh of Lakecrest apartments, Lakeshore drive, St. Joseph, was one of thousands of Twin Cities area residents to get her first real taste of winter this morning. She is

shown here clearing snow from her car before heading for work. About four inches of heavy snow blanketed the area in the season's first major storm. (Staff photo by Garrett DeGraff)

Snowfall Is Wet, Heavy

Some Power
Outages Are
Reported

BY JERRY KRIEGER
County-Farm Editor

The first major snowfall of the winter season — wet, heavy and slippery — snarled traffic across southwestern Michigan Monday night and knocked out electric power in several areas. It also closed the Lawton and Bloomingdale school systems in Van Buren county for the day.

Reports from across the area generally indicated three to four inches of snow on the ground this morning.

Born out of a daylong rain when the temperature eased down below the freezing mark, the snowfall created a series of traffic snarls last night throughout the area.

Police agencies reported a number of cases of cars and trucks skidding off I-94, and the superhighway grew extremely slick in the early evening. A tieup on the Wayne street hill near the courthouse in St. Joseph caused a backup into both Benton Harbor and St. Joseph. Jackknifed trucks reportedly caused tieups on the Napier avenue overpass at I-94, on Pipestone road at Pipestone creek, and on US-31 at Berrien Springs.

Snowplow crews had most all streets and roads cleared this morning, but the pavement remained slippery.

The Weather Bureau predicted occasional light snow through today, with chances of light flurries existing through tonight and Wednesday. Strong winds up to 20 to 30 miles an hour also were forecast for today.

John Banyon, division manager for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co., said the combination of heavy, clinging snow and wind caused a con-

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EARLY SNOWMAN: This seven foot jolly snowman was built last night by Mr. and Mrs. Alan M. Domke and Mr. and Mrs. James Sperbeck of Ridgeview Arms apartments, Ridge road, Stevensville. They said they hoped he was the first snowman of the season in this area. (Staff photo by Garrett DeGraff)

Hanoi's Negotiator Returns To Paris; Kissinger Too?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
North Vietnam's chief negotiator at the Paris peace talks, Le Duc Tho, flew to Paris today for what Radio Hanoi said was another meeting with American negotiators on the Vietnam war.

There was speculation that two key U.S. negotiators, Henry A. Kissinger and Gen. Alexander M. Haig, also were en route to Paris. They flew to Andrews Air Force Base near Washington late Monday after conferring with President

Nixon at Camp David, Md. Officials would not disclose where Kissinger and Haig went after landing at Andrews.

U.S. spokesmen said they could neither confirm nor deny that the private talks to end the war were about to resume as was widely anticipated.

South Vietnam, meanwhile, announced today it would agree to a partial withdrawal of North Vietnamese troops from the South instead of the total withdrawal it had demanded earlier.

The Radio Hanoi broadcast today said North Vietnam, "to show its good will and seriousness," had agreed to "another private meeting between the United States and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to solve the signing of the agreement on ending the war and restoring peace in Vietnam."

It said the meeting was proposed by "the U.S. side."

Kissinger and Haig conferred with Nixon for one and one-half hours at the President's Camp David retreat Monday

following Haig's return from four days of talks with South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu in Saigon.

Both men next went by helicopter to Andrews AFB, which is a frequent departure point for official missions abroad. There was no announcement on the details of the Camp David discussions, but U.S. officials in Saigon said Haig, who is Kissinger's top aide, had narrowed the differences in his

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Police Widows, Orphans Share In His Fortune

DETROIT (AP) — A black man from Alabama who received \$750,000 after a Detroit police car rammed his auto said he will share some of the money with policemen's widows and orphans because, "All I've heard from blacks and whites is that they never got a fair trial and that they hate cops."

"I think I got a fair trial," said Cuba Goldman, 33, of Birmingham, Ala., who said he will give \$5,000 to a fund for widows and orphans of dead policemen and show "how fair the Detroit police and the courts" have been to him.

Goldman's right leg was shattered by a Detroit police car which ran a red light and hit his car at an intersection two years ago.

Last Friday, a U.S. District Court jury here awarded Goldman \$750,000 in his suit against the city. The money is tax free.

Goldman was hospitalized for nearly five months and wore a full leg cast for nearly a year after the accident, which killed a passenger in his car and injured two others.

He had to give up his job as a sand blaster at a suburban Detroit firm. His mother in Birmingham cared for him until his bones mended.



CUBA GOLDMAN
Will Share His \$750,000

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Mom's Apple Pie at Shadowland, Saturday, November 25, Adv.

BH Woman Robbed Of 'Choppers' Worth \$390

A Benton Harbor woman had a tough time reporting a robbery yesterday afternoon because the robber had just stolen her false teeth.

Christine Rogers, 44, of 770 Territorial road, told St. Joseph police she was on the sidewalk in the 600 block of Broad street at 3:30 p.m. when a man, about 32, came up and pulled a paring knife with a four-inch blade.

The man then grabbed her shoulder, she

said, and told her to give him her false teeth or he would stab her.

So she handed him the upper and lower plates.

She estimated the cost of the "choppers" at \$390. The suspect, according to police, was not apprehended.

Police said she gave a description of the tooth thief as a man she had known and quoted him as saying no other man would look at her now.

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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The state of Nebraska, which on an average November day records 129 traffic accidents, seems to get through the day Wednesday without a reportable mishap on its 98,763 miles of streets and highways.

Gov. J. James Exon has designated the day as "Super Safe Day," and for several weeks, newspapers and broadcasters have joined in a publicity buildup, coupled with safe living tips.

AWARDS PRESENTED
NEW YORK (AP) — Morality in Media Inc., presented awards Monday night to Sen. John O. Pastore, D-R.I., and Martin S. Hayden, editor of the Detroit News, for actions against violence and pornography in media.

Fatal Trailer Fire Probed In Benton

Invalid Woman Trapped Inside

Mobile Home Living Room Extensively Damaged

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

A semi-invalid Benton township woman died in a fire that extensively damaged the living room portion of the family's mobile home late Friday morning.

The victim was Mrs. Virginia Quick, 54, who was pronounced dead on arrival at Mercy hospital at 11:20 a.m. Benton township firemen said they were notified by an attending physician, Dr. Gerald Abel, that death was attributed to third degree burns and smoke inhalation.

Firemen said the blaze was reported at 10:45 a.m. and occurred at the recently-opened Ravines mobile home park, off East Empire, about a half-mile east of Crystal avenue. The unit that burned was reported owned for some time by the Quick family, but installed in the park only last Friday. It was one of three in

the park, scheduled to eventually contain 232 mobile homes.

Firemen said they found Mrs. Quick alone, and added that while there was intense heat in the living area, it took only five to 10 minutes to douse the flames.

Mrs. Quick's husband, Harold Quick, said that while he was at work, his wife was visited at regular intervals by someone who volunteered to assist her. Quick said his wife's illness rendered her unable to get on her feet without assistance. She could walk, however, with aid, it was reported.

While the cause of the blaze has not been determined, firemen said it originated in or near a television set, just inside the door. Flames burned a hole through a wall near the set, and damaged the living room area.

Firemen said they found Mrs. Quick seated in a chair, opposite the door, about 10 feet from the television, which appeared to have shattered. The township fire department reported that the investigation will be done locally, since the state fire marshal at Paw Paw ruled from evidence received that no foul play was involved.

The victim's husband stated that before moving into the new park, he had stored the mobile home for about five months. He said it was completely furnished, including the television set. Quick said he had aired out the home well before occupying it, and added that he watched the television set about five hours Sunday, and there were no problems.

Firemen said that they were called to the scene after Jack Cook and Larry Freeling, both workers at the park, saw smoke and tried to put out the blaze with extinguishers.

Mrs. Quick was the second Berrien county resident to die so far this year in residential fires. The first, last January, claimed the life of a man in a farm cabin in Lincoln township. A total of eight persons died in residential fires in Berrien last year. Two of these were children, who died together in a mobile home fire near Buchanan.

Mrs. Quick was born Aug. 2, 1918, in Mount Clemens and had resided in Benton Harbor since last May.

Survivors include her husband, Harold, whom she married Oct. 15, 1937, in Mount Clemens; two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Carol) Gay of St. Joseph and Mrs. Dennis (Linda) Rouse of Bay City; two brothers, Ronald Reaume of Warren and James Reaume of Kalamazoo; a sister, Mrs. Raymond (Marjorie) Hanning of Dexter; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the Hench Memorial chapel, Richmond, Mich. Burial will be in Richmond cemetery.

Dey Brothers funeral home was in charge of local arrangements.



FIRE SCENE: Exterior view of mobile home in which Mrs. Harold Quick, 54, was fatally burned Monday in recently-opened Benton township trailer park shows

where flames ate their way to outside (beside door at center). Benton firemen centered their investigation

into cause around TV set that apparently shattered before or during blaze.



INTERIOR OF TRAILER: Intense heat of fire that started in or near television set charred central portion of Quick mobile home. Mrs. Quick, a semi-invalid, was

found in chair (not visible) about 10 feet from the set. She died of burns and smoke inhalation. (Staff photos)



MRS. VIRGINIA QUICK
Fire Victim

Threat Nets Him Prison

A 20-year-old Benton Harborite convicted on a charge of maliciously threatening a court witness drew a 4 to 20-year prison term Monday in Berrien circuit court.

Judge Chester J. Byrns set the sentence for Freddie Harold Parks, Jr., of 805 Lavette street, on his conviction to a charge of threatening Mrs. Sylvia Partee Aug. 25 at 412 Territorial, Benton Harbor.

The law is based on truthful testimony from witnesses not under any compulsion and can't function when witnesses perjure themselves or act in fear, Judge Byrns said. He noted the offense occurred while Parks was on probation on a conviction for receiving and concealing stolen property.

Father Will Spend Weekends In Jail

A Benton township man was ordered Monday in Berrien circuit court to spend five weekends in jail as part of a probation for falling behind in child support.

Judge Chester J. Byrns set the weekend jail sentence for Thomas O. Lake, of 143 Hampton road, after finding him in contempt for a \$743.50 arrearage for two children, according to George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court.

Lake also was ordered on a two-year probation and to execute a wage assignment of \$42 weekly child support and \$3 weekly on arrears.

BH School Board Changes Law Firms

Benton Harbor board of education voted last night to replace Atty. Robert P. Small, the school district's legal counsel for 30 years.

By a 5 to 1 vote, the board hired, the St. Joseph law firm of Adams and De Francesco as general legal counsel replacing the Benton Harbor firm of Small, Shaffer and Small.

Mrs. Irene Fox, board

secretary, voted against retaining another firm after reading a statement urging retention of Small. She said the questioned the experience and ability of Adams and De Francesco in school law and said Small's experience in the increasingly complex field "can't be purchased at any price."

Small reportedly has drawn the ire of some board members arguing for the school district in property transfer cases — particularly his use of racial statistics to contend that transfers would create more segregation and be unconstitutional. Small will continue to handle outstanding cases, one of which is location of a tavern across from Boynton elementary school. The board voted last night to go into court against the tavern after appeals to the Michigan Liquor Control commission and Benton township board brought no action.

Mrs. Fox noted that some members of the board have sought replacement of Small since July, 1971. The Berrien Bar association declined to file a list of recommended firms. She said Judge Chester

Byrns was then asked for suggestions and came up with a list of four firms, three of which said they were not interested and one didn't respond.

The superintendent then was instructed to contact a list of 21 law firms in the Twin City area. Five responded and the board started interviewing candidates.

Mrs. Fox observed the board

will now have two firms as general counsel until disposition of the outstanding cases, and a new firm might require more time and be more costly than an experienced one. She said this is poor practice for a school district on an austerity budget.

The district also retains two other firms for labor relations (See page 7, column 5)



ATTY. ROBERT P. SMALL
Replaced



ATTY. THOMAS H. ADAMS
Retained



ATTY. DeFRANCESCO
Retained

Judge Clears Teacher Of Boy's Charge

A charge against a St. Joseph elementary school teacher of taking indecent liberties with a 15-year-old boy will be dismissed today in Fifth district court. Judge Harry Laity said late Monday afternoon.

Ralph W. Siewert, 47, of 1820 Briar Cliff drive, St. Joseph, a sixth grade teacher at Jefferson school, had been accused by a 15-year-old boy of fondling the youth Sept. 1 while they played pool at Siewert's home. The youth had made the charge to police without the knowledge of either of his parents.

The case had been under advisement by Judge Laity since late Friday, following an all-day preliminary examination in which about 10 of Siewert's fellow teachers testified as to his fine character.

Siewert has been on a leave of absence without pay since the original charge.

In dismissing the case, Laity said, The boy's "story is not convincing. The logic and probabilities are all in favor of Siewert's position (of innocence). A morals charge is easy to make and sometimes hard to refute. If Siewert was interested in this sort of thing, he had had innumerable opportunities during the summer. The boy had asked him to go fishing and golfing many times and Siewert had been too busy. If Siewert was this kind of man, it could not be hidden from the students and other teachers."

Judge Laity said testimony Friday at a preliminary hearing brought out these facts:

The boy had asked Siewert several times during the summer to take him fishing with Siewert and his 17-year-

old son. Siewert was too busy teaching summer school to plan anything until Labor Day weekend.

Friday, Sept. 1, Siewert invited the young man over to his house to plan an outing. They played pool while waiting for Siewert's son to arrive home. During this time, the teacher remarked how overweight the boy was, and that he ate too much candy, causing acne trouble.

The boy was apparently offended by these remarks and left, not accepting Siewert's apologies. Shortly after reaching home, the 15-year-old called police and made a complaint charging indecent liberties. He told his parents he was making a complaint, but did not elaborate on what the charge was.

Helping discredit the boy's story, Laity said, were discrepancies in the number of times the boy said he was fondled. When the boy first called police, he said he had been fondled once, a few days later he said it had happened three times. When testifying Friday, he said it was eight times.

Laity termed the boy, "...lonely, with no close friends his own age." To get attention, Laity explained the young man told "tall tales."

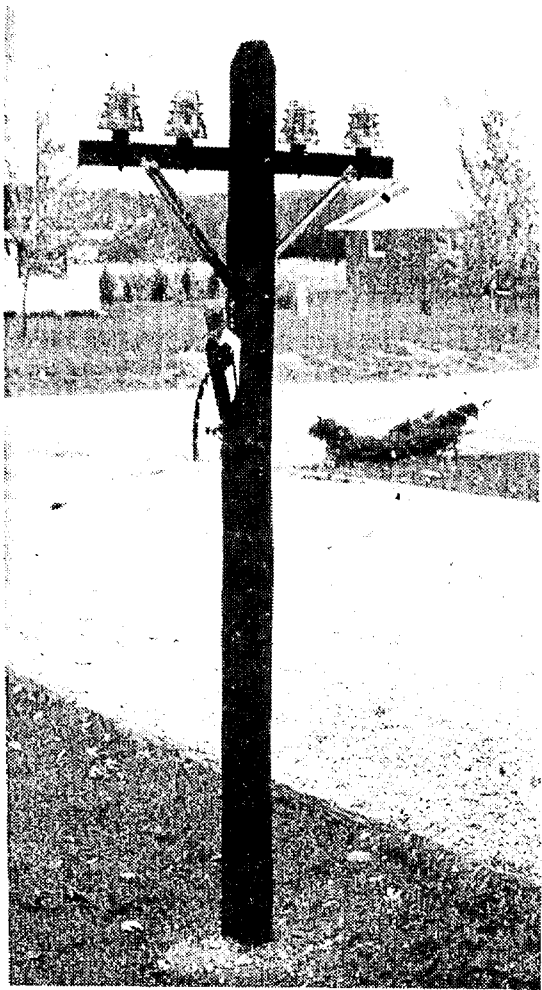
Siewert has been a teacher for 21 years. He is married and has three children. He is a board member of the Trinity Lutheran school in St. Joseph.

Traffic Deaths

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Nov. 14 State Police Count
This year 1,966
Last year 1,871.

BH Charter Vote Set January 5

Benton Harbor city commission sets election date — Jan. 5, 1973, for picking nine-member city charter commission. Details of this and other actions from last night's city commission meeting on page 7.



MINI-POLE: This miniature utility pole stands in the front yard of the James Swisher residence, Weatherford drive, Coloma township. Standing six-foot high, the pole is complete with pole number, insulators and a wooden woodpecker clinging to the side. It was made for the Swisher family by a friend. (Cliff Stevens photo)

State Lottery Sales Boom On 1st Day

*Many Ticket Agents
Sell Out, Clamor For More*

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Happy gamblers by the hundreds of thousands placed perhaps the first legal bets of their lives Monday as first-day sales of Michigan State Lottery tickets turned into a stampede.

"I've been playing the numbers, but why should the crooked people get all the money?" asked Dan Scott, 28, of Westland, a Detroit suburb, who bought \$5 worth of tickets at a small store.

Many agents, especially those in the Detroit area, reported they sold an entire week's supply of the 50-cent tickets in the first half-day of business.

Banks, which had distributed 11 million of the 12 million tickets printed for the first week of sales, reported agents were clamoring for more.

The concessionaire in the lobby of Detroit's City-County Building reported selling 1,200 tickets in five hours.

A spokesman at the J. L. Hudson Co. department store in Detroit estimated 50,000 tickets would be sold the first day.

Truck driver Joe Solo plunked down a \$100 bill at city hall in Dearborn and asked for 200 tickets. He got them.

Ticket sales outstate were not as brisk and state officials in Lansing said perhaps too many licenses were handed out.

"I'm not too happy," complained Lucille Swaffield, owner of a party shop in Bad Axe, a small town of 3,000 about 100 miles north of Detroit.

"They've got it spread out with too many places in town. There's 10 others (licensed ticket sellers) in just this town."

Agents licensed by the state receive a two-and-one-half cent commission on each 50-cent ticket they sell.

Winners make their own claims. They find out what number is drawn Nov. 24, by checking newspapers or with their agent.

If either half of their six-digit lottery number matches half of the winning number, they collect \$25.

Winners will take their tickets to a claim center, usually a branch of the secretary of state's office.

Ticket holders whose tickets have the complete six-digit winning number picked at the Nov. 24 drawing will have front row seats and a crack at winning the \$200,000 "super drawing" prize Nov. 30. They are guaranteed to win at least \$10,000.

Buyers write their names and addresses on space provided on the back of the

ticket, then hang on until the drawing date.

A \$1 million prize will be offered after the state sells 30 million tickets.

Sellers were at 7,000 locations — bars, service stations, groceries, shops and restaurants — and they reported a ticket-buying spree verging on frenzy from the moment sales became legal at 8 a.m. Monday.

State Lottery Chief Gus Harrison basked in the deluge of booming sales, smiled and said, "I'm happy, very happy."



GOT THEIR WISH: Only those who Think Snow could like what happened last night and today. Snow suits members of Skifari just fine. Members of the Twin City outdoor group looked hopefully at the sky for signs of

snow, then it fell. From left: Kathy DuBach, Bob Siewert, Helen Petlick, Al Butzbaugh, Tiffany Butzbaugh and Mike Petlick, president. Group plans three ski jaunts in Michigan and a spring trip to Aspen, Colo.

Covert Reveals Settlement Terms On Wood's Firing

COVERT — Terms of an agreement between Covert school district and Dr. Lewis Wood, former superintendent of schools, was revealed last night by the board of education.

The agreement, reached during a special board meeting Oct. 25, calls for payment of \$46,000 to Wood. Of this amount, Wood will receive \$25,384.56 for consultation services for the period Aug. 1, 1972 to July 1, 1973, and the balance of \$20,615.44 to settle in full his claim of alleged damages to his professional reputation.

Dr. Woods was fired as superintendent July 20, with two years remaining on his contract. His annual salary was reported at \$27,500. He has

since been succeeded by John Kremkow.

In other action, the board voted to hire two of three teacher aides not rehired in September. Approval to reemploy Miss Yvonne Laws and Mrs. Carmen Smith came on a 4-2 vote following an executive session.

The session resulted when a preliminary vote ended in a 3-0 decision with three abstentions, causing the reemployment proposal to be lost.

Voting for employment were Mrs. Margaret White, Mrs. Alice Blair, Maurice Colombel and Harold Bracken. Board members Harry Sarno and Ernestine Kahn voted against.

Abstaining in the initial vote were Mrs. Kahn, Mrs. White



DR. LEWIS WOOD
Receives settlement

and Sarno. Board member Alfred Johnson was absent.

Consideration of the employment was triggered by Mrs. Octavia Hawkins who has been seeking re-instatement of the aides since the decision not to re-employ them was made.

Also approved by the board was a \$82.60 payment to a Mrs. R. C. Cole as half of the cost of her daughter's flute which reportedly was stolen while housed on school property. Kremkow was directed to investigate cost of insurance to cover such losses.

The bid of Glover-Dandridge for snow removal from school property, at \$10.50 per hour, was accepted. A second bid from Eldridge White was for \$500 for the season.

The board voted to purchase an emergency radio receiver at a cost of \$162. The unit is to be tied in with the state police weather warning system.

Payment of \$380 to the Van Buren county Community Mental Health Services center for services to the school system was approved, and the board adopted a resolution of thanks to Covert PTA and Newcomers club for donation of two trombones and a cornet to the high school band.

Vacation pay for Mrs. Elizabeth Blair, a non-professional employee, was approved, as was a 30-day leave of absence for Willie Hall, a bus driver. Hall plans to attend a truck driving school.

Kremkow recommended the board consider a program for the industrial arts department

Bachman Wins New Term As Buchanan Mayor

BUCHANAN — City Commissioner Joseph C. Bachman, 54, was re-elected to a new one-year term as this city's mayor last night by the city commission.

Bachman is just beginning his third four-year term as a member of the commission, having been elected to his latest term in the Nov. 7 election.

The mayor, under city charter provisions, is elected from among city commissioners by fellow commissioners yearly. Bachman has served as mayor the past two years.

Also elected during the commission's annual reorganization was Commissioner Richard Gault as mayor pro-tem, the post he has held the past year.

In other areas, the commission heard outlines of qualifications and areas of work from three engineering firms interested in developing plans for the proposed road linking River road with the Niles-Buchanan road. Recommendations for traffic control along the proposed route, as proposed by the city's traffic consultant, Adrian Koert, were referred to the city planning commission for review.

The commission approved payment of \$15,294 to the West Motor Sales for a garbage truck chassis and \$7,700 to the S. & W. Equipment company for the truck's body. Both prices were the low bids received.

A \$3,000 payment to the Southeast Berrien Sanitary Landfill authority was approved. The payment is the city's share for a landfill site purchased on Chamberlain road in Bertrand township by the authority.

George E. Burgoyne, city building inspector, was authorized to attend the annual building officials conference in Lansing on Nov. 17.



JOSEPH C. BACHMAN
Re-elected mayor

in which students would learn skills used to remodel and redecorate a house. He was directed to obtain information on cost of such a program.

The board also moved to file an appeal with the state board of education and the county intermediate school district over granting of a transfer of the Ray and LaVerne Wolfrum property to the South Haven school district.

A request by Ernest Serrell, athletic director, for an increase in pay was tabled. Serrell requested a two per cent increase over the amount paid varsity coaches.

Charles Bridwell New President Of Shrine Club

Charles H. Bridwell, 42, of 465 Empire avenue, Benton Harbor, has been installed as president of the Berrien County Shrine club, succeeding George Ghareeh of Union Pier.

Installation took place at the November meeting of the Shrine club last week at Flagship restaurant of St. Joseph Holiday Inn.

Other officers installed were Therman Daniels, Riverside, first vice president; Dave Scher, St. Joseph, second vice president; William F. Goodrum, Benton Harbor, sergeant-at-arms; Ben

Lamberg, St. Joseph, secretary; Ronald C. Blair, Benton Harbor, treasurer; and Frank M. Rowe, Benton Harbor; Earl Devon Michael, Berrien Springs; and Charles Berberick, Stevensville, directors.

The new president of the Shrine club will preside at the Red Fez ball, Dec. 9 at Scottie's, New Buffalo. That ball is one of the highlights of the Shrine social season.

Most of the Shrine events are concerned with raising funds for crippled and handicapped children. Last year, Bridwell noted, the Shrine club raised \$8,000 for both Shrine children's hospitals and for facilities for children in the St. Joseph and Watervliet hospitals.

Another big project scheduled for Jan. 22 this coming year is taking scores of youngsters to the Shrine Circus in Grand Rapids.

Bridwell said the club will again sponsor a band concert featuring Shrine musicians and a roller derby.

Bridwell is a native of Terre Haute, Ind. He came to the Twin Cities in 1942. He is a past president of the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph chapter of Jaycees. He has been a member of the Shrine club 18 years. He is a foreman at V-M Corp.



CHARLES H. BRIDWELL
Heads Shrine Club

Prisoner Files Suit

A Berrien county jail inmate has sued the Berrien county sheriff's department on a claim jail medical facilities "are not sufficient to insure complete medical assistance."

Suit for writ of mandamus was filed in Berrien circuit court by Richard C. Smith, 20, of 3116 South 13th street, Niles. Smith presently is in the jail awaiting sentence on his guilty plea to a charge of possessing methamphetamine.

Smith also was linked by sheriff's officers to an attempted jailbreak quashed quickly Saturday morning.

Being Graded By Customers

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Not only do Ford Motor Co. dealers have to worry about selling cars, they also have to worry about what grades they'll get on their report cards from customers who bring the cars in for servicing.



'WATCH FOR WHAT?': Jim Houness diligently searches a dictionary for the word "pedestrians," without any luck. The misspelled word on a road side sign along highway U.S. 2, draws the attention of motorists near Crystal Falls, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. (AP Wirephoto)

Bangor Gives Seniors A Break

BANGOR — Seniors at Bangor high school will be able to graduate this year without taking final exams if they have passing grades from their daily school work.

The school board voted to do away with the tests for the students with passing grades as part of a program shifting graduation to a Monday.

Normally seniors, as well as

other students, remain in classes the final week of school to take the final examinations.

Under the new program for seniors, only those with otherwise failing grades would return after graduation to take the exams.

The board, as part of the new plan, scheduled graduation this school year for Monday, June 4. In the past, graduations have

been held on Thursdays.

Action on the changes came after High School Principal John Balzer reported the faculty and administration had considered the proposals favorably.

In other action, the board voted to provide bus transportation for students who live inside the city limits and more than one and a half miles from

their school. Only two families, on Greenhouse road, will be affected by the new ruling. They will be provided transportation.

Carol Wittenberg, high school English teacher, appeared before the board to present a formal grievance, saying she should be paid on the master's scale provided in the teacher contract.

An English teacher, she has received a master's degree in counseling. The administration has declined to promote her from the bachelor's scale to the master's scale, saying the contract provides that teachers will be paid for masters' only in the field in which they teach.

The board referred the matter to its attorney.

Thousands Homeless On Lake Erie Shore

LUNA PIER, Mich. (AP) — Sustained northeast winds which blew water onto the Lake Erie shoreline, caused the evacuation of thousands of residents today from the Ohio border to Stony Point, north of Monroe, according to Monroe County Sheriff Department spokesmen.

Law enforcement agencies, along with Civil Defense workers, started evacuating all residents after approximately four feet of water swept into the affected area from Lake Erie, flooding many homes.

Officials said a cottage at Morin Point caught fire, at one point during the night,

and burned to the ground because firemen were unable to get through flooded roads to the blaze.

Howard Quillin, Monroe County Civil Defense director, said no injuries had been reported to his office.

Quillin said he didn't know the exact number of persons living in the affected 20-mile stretch of shoreline.

A spokesman for the sheriff's office said property damage would probably amount to "thousands of dollars" because many of the cottages are classified as "year-around" homes.